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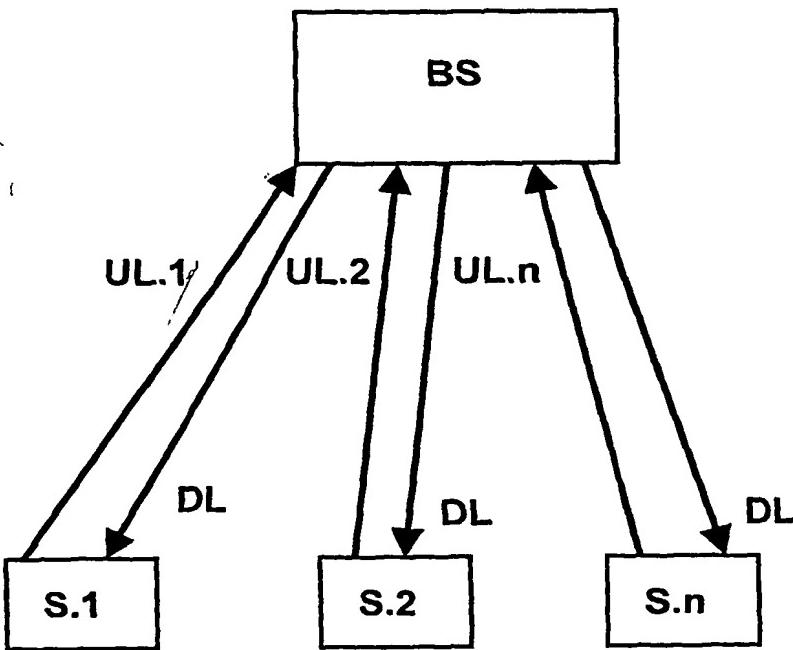
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(54) Bezeichnung: VERFAHREN ZUM BETRIEB EINES SYSTEMS MIT EINER VIELZAHL KNOTEN UND EINER BASISSTATION, GEMÄSS TDMA UND SYSTEM HIERZU



(57) **Abstract:** Disclosed is a method for operating a system according to time division multiple access (TDMA), comprising a plurality of wireless sensors and/or actuators as nodes (S.1 ... S.n) and a base station (BS), said system being installed in a machine or an installation, such as an industrial robot, automatic production or fabrication machine. Cyclical TDMA data transmission blocks are transmitted, each TDMA data transmission block being composed of successive time slots, each of which is assigned to a specific node. The uplink signals (UL.1 ... UL.n) from the different nodes (S.1 ... S.n) to the base station (BS) can be simultaneously transmitted on two, three or more different frequencies (f1, f2, f3) while the downlink signals (DL) from the base station (BSA) to the different nodes (S.1 ... S.n) are transmitted on a single frequency that is different from the uplink frequencies. The time slots and the different uplink frequencies

are defined once and are subsequently maintained.

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(57) **Zusammenfassung:** Es wird ein Verfahren zum Betrieb eines Systems gemäß TDMA (Time Division Multiple Access) mit einer Vielzahl drahtloser Sensoren und / oder Aktoren als Knoten (S.1...S.n) und einer Basisstation (BS) vorgeschlagen, welches in einer Maschine oder Anlage, wie Industrieroboter, Herstellungsautomat oder Fertigungsautomat installiert ist, wobei zyklische TDMA-Datenübertragungsblöcke

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Method for operating a system with a multiplicity of nodes and a base station according to TDMA and a system for this purpose

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Abstract

A method is proposed for operating a system according to TDMA (Time Division Multiple Access) with a multiplicity of wireless sensors and/or actuators as nodes ($S.1\dots S.n$) and a base station (BS), said system being installed in a machine or installation, such as industrial robots or an automated manufacturing or production unit, whereby cyclical TDMA data transmission blocks are transmitted and each TDMA data transmission block is composed of consecutive time slots. Each time slot is allocated to a specific node. The uplink signals ($UL.1\dots UL.n$) can be transmitted from the different nodes ($S.1\dots S.n$) to the base station (BS) simultaneously on two, three or more different frequencies (f_1, f_2, f_3), whereas the downlink signals (DL) are transmitted from the base station (BSA) to the different nodes ($S.1\dots S.n$) on only one frequency, which differs from the uplink frequencies. The time slots and the different uplink frequencies of the different nodes are defined once and are thereafter retained.

Significant Fig.: Single Fig.